

action H.R. 707, Emerging Telecommunications Technologies Act of 1993.

Prior to this action, the subcommittee held a hearing on this legislation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEMOCRACY AND RECONCILIATION IN NICARAGUA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs held a hearing on Democracy and Reconciliation in Nicaragua: A Critical Assessment. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MC CUEN VERSUS DICKEY DISMISSED

Committee on House Administration: Task Force on Contested Election met and approved a motion to dismiss *McCuen v. Dickey* case.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Criminal Justice held an oversight hearing on the Issue of Health Care Fraud. Testimony was heard from Larry Potts, Assistant Director, FBI, Department of Justice; Larry D. Morey, Deputy Inspector, Investigations, Department of Health and Human Services; Janet L. Shikles, Director, Health Financing and Policy Issues, Human Resources Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Fisheries Management met for organizational purposes.

OVERSIGHT—SHETLAND ISLANDS OILSPILL

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held an oversight hearing on the Shetland Islands oilspill and its implications for oil transportation and spill response in the United States. Testimony was heard from Rear Adm. Arthur E. Gene Henn, USCG, Chief, Maritime Safety, Office of Maritime Safety, Security and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted a rule providing that, upon adoption, the House will have taken H.R. 1 from the Speaker's table and agreed to the Senate amendment. Testimony was heard from Chairman Ford of Michigan and Representative Clay.

SPACE INDUSTRIAL BASE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space held a hearing on the health of the Space Industrial Base. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT AVAILABILITY ACT

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on H.R. 660, Small Business Credit Availability Act of 1993. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPACT OF UNDERFUNDED DEFINED-BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing to review the impact of underfunded defined-benefit pension plans on the Federal deficit, plan retirees, and plan sponsors. Testimony was heard from Robert D. Reischauer, Director, CBO; Joseph R. Delfico, Director, Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade met for organizational purposes.

Joint Meetings

CONGRESSIONAL REFORM

Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress: Committee resumed hearings to examine certain recommendations to reorganize congressional procedure, receiving testimony from numerous members of the House of Representatives.

Committee recessed subject to call.

BOSNIA SITUATION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission held hearings to discuss the current status of peace negotiations and the humanitarian situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, receiving testimony from Bosnian Foreign Minister Haris Silajdzic.

Commission will meet again tomorrow.

Tuesday, February 16, 1993

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 355-371, S. Res. 68 and 69, and S.J. Res. 46 and 47.

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NIH Authorizations: Senate began consideration of S. 1, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the programs of the National Institutes of Health, with a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill and amendments to be proposed thereto, on Wednesday, February 17.

Appointments:

Washington's Farewell Address: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, as modified by the order of February 4, 1993, appointed Senator Kempthorne to read Washington's Farewell Address on February 23, 1993.

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U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84, appointed Senator Hatch, to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

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North Atlantic Assembly: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a-1928d, as amended, appointed Senator Roth as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly during the 103d Congress.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a report on the developments concerning the national emergency with respect to Iraq; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs. (PM-3)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

4 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps.

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Messages From the President:

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Recess: Senate convened at 12 noon, and recessed at 5:56 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, February 17, 1993.

Committee Meetings**NOMINATIONS**

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Peter B. Bowman, of Maine; Beverly Butcher Byron, of Maryland; Rebecca Gernhardt Cox, of the District of Columbia; Hansford T. Johnson, of Texas; Arthur Levitt, Jr., of New York; Harry C.

McPherson, Jr., of Maryland; and Robert D. Stuart, Jr., of Illinois, each to be a Member; and James A. Courter, of New Jersey, to be a Member and Chairman, all of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee approved its subcommittee assignments for the 103d Congress as follows:

Subcommittee on Water Resources, Transportation, Public Buildings and Economic Development: Senators Moynihan (Chairman), Mitchell, Reid, Metzenbaum, Boxer, Warner, Durenberger, Smith, and Kempthorne.

Subcommittee on Superfund, Recycling and Solid Waste Management: Senators Lautenberg (Chairman), Moynihan, Graham, Metzenbaum, Wofford, Boxer, Durenberger, Simpson, Smith, and Warner.

Subcommittee on Toxic Substances, Research and Development: Senators Reid (Chairman), Lautenberg, Lieberman, Wofford, Boxer, Smith, Warner, Simpson, and Faircloth.

Subcommittee on Clean Water, Fisheries and Wildlife: Senators Graham (Chairman), Mitchell, Lautenberg, Reid, Lieberman, Wofford, Chafee, Durenberger, Faircloth, and Kempthorne.

Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Regulation: Senators Lieberman (Chairman), Moynihan, Graham, Metzenbaum, Simpson, Faircloth, and Kempthorne.

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Committee on Finance: Committee approved its subcommittee assignments for the 103d Congress as follows:

Subcommittee on International Trade: Senators Baucus (Chairman), Moynihan, Boren, Bradley, Mitchell, Riegle, Rockefeller, Daschle, Breaux, Conrad, Danforth, Packwood, Roth, Chafee, Grassley, Hatch, and Wallop.

Subcommittee on Taxation: Senators Boren (Chairman), Baucus, Pryor, Conrad, Roth, Packwood, and Danforth.

Subcommittee on Deficits, Debt Management and Long-Term Economic Growth: Senators Bradley (Chairman), Riegle, and Wallop.

Subcommittee on Private Retirement Plans and Oversight of the Internal Revenue Service: Senators Pryor (Chairman), Moynihan, and Grassley.

Subcommittee on Health for Families and the Uninsured: Senators Riegle (Chairman), Bradley, Mitchell, Rockefeller, Chafee, Roth, Durenberger, and Danforth.

Subcommittee on Medicare and Long-Term Care: Senators Rockefeller (Chairman), Baucus, Mitchell, Pryor, Daschle, Conrad, Durenberger, Packwood, Dole, Chafee, Grassley, and Hatch.

Subcommittee on Energy and Agricultural Taxation: Senators Daschle (Chairman), Boren, Breaux, Hatch, Dole, and Wallop.

Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy: Senators Breaux (Chairman), Moynihan, Dole, and Durenberger.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 38 public bills, H.R. 881–918; 1 private bill, H.R. 919; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 106–110, H. Con. Res. 38, and H. Res. 80–84 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 670, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to ensure that pregnant women receiving assistance under title X of the Public Health Service Act are provided with information and counseling regarding their pregnancies (H. Rept. 103–14); and

H. Res. 81, providing for the consideration of H.R. 670, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to ensure that pregnant women receiving assistance under title X of the Public Health Service Act are provided with information and counseling regarding their pregnancies (H. Rept. 103–15).

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Joint Economic Committee: The Speaker appointed on Thursday, February 4, the following Members as members of the Joint Economic Committee on the part of the House: Representatives Arney, Saxton, Cox, and Ramstad.

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Suspensions: House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Support whaling moratorium: H. Con. Res. 34, amended, calling for a continued United States policy of opposition to the resumption of commercial whaling, and otherwise expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to conserving and protecting the world's whale, dolphin, and porpoise populations (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 382 yeas, Roll No. 30); and

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Export Administration authorization: H.R. 750, to extend the Export Administration Act of 1979 and to authorize appropriations under that Act for fiscal years 1993 and 1994 (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 330 yeas to 54 nays, Roll No. 31).

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National FFA Organization Awareness Week: House passed H.J. Res. 101, to designate February 21 through February 27, 1993, as "National FFA Organization Awareness Week".

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Presidential Message—National Emergency in Iraq: Read a message from the President wherein he reports on developments concerning the national emergency with respect to Iraq—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed.

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Congressional Mailing Standards: The Speaker appointed as members of the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards the following Members on the part of the House: Representatives Clay and Myers of Indiana.

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Referral: One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages 2593, 2594. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at noon and adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on General Agricultural Outlook and Inspector General. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Keith Collins, Acting Assistant Secretary, Economics; and Charles R. Gillum, Acting Inspector General.

LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor—HHS—Education held a hearing on Education Overview. Testimony was heard from Sally H. Christensen, Acting Assistant Secretary, Management and Budget, Department of Education.

TREASURY—POSTAL SERVICE—GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury—Postal Service—General Government held a hearing on GSA Overview. Testimony was heard from P. Gerald Thacker, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA.

Hearings continue February 18.

GAO REPORT

Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs: Held a hearing on the GAO report on the adequacy of the Federal Banking regulators' examination of banks and savings associations. Testimony was heard from Charles A. Bowsher, Comptroller General, GAO.

SECONDARY MARKET—COMMERCIAL BUSINESS LOANS

Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Growth and Credit Formation held a hearing on the creation of a secondary market for commercial business loans. Testimony was heard from Hu Benton, Assistant General Counsel, Securities and Finance, RTC; and public witnesses.

EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT EXTENSION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported H.R. 750, to extend the Export Administration Act of 1979 and to authorize appropriations under that act for fiscal years 1993 and 1994.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Natural Resources: Held an oversight hearing on the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior.

FAMILY PLANNING AMENDMENTS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted a rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 670, Family Planning Amendments Act of 1993. The rule waives clause 2(L)(6) of rule XI against consideration of the bill. Only the Bliley amendment (No. 2) printed in the report to accompany the rule is in order. The amendment is debatable for 60 minutes and is not subject to amendment nor to a demand for a division of the question. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Waxman, Bliley, Solomon, McCollum, Smith of New Jersey, Burton of Indiana, DeLay, Bartlett of Maryland and Hyde.

AMERICA'S ENERGY FUTURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing on Investing in Technology for America's Energy Future. Testimony was heard from Peter Blair, Program Manager, Energy and Materials Program, OTA; Norman A. Zigrossi, President, Resource Group, TVA; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology, Environment and Aviation held a hearing on H.R. 820, National Competitiveness Act of 1993 (Technology Financing). Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

Wednesday, February 17, 1993

Senate**Chamber Action**

Routine Proceedings, pages 2822-2902

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 378-385 and S.J. Res. 48.
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Measures Passed:

Joint Session of Congress: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 39, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.
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National FFA Organization Awareness Week: Senate passed H.J. Res. 101, to designate February 21 through February 27, 1993, as "National FFA Organization Awareness Week".
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NIH Authorizations: Senate continued consideration of S. 1, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the programs of the National Institutes of Health, with a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:
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Pending:

Nickles Amendment No. 37, relating to the admission to the United States of aliens infected with the AIDS virus.
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Kennedy Modified Amendment No. 38 (to Amendment No. 37), to provide that the current list of communicable diseases of public health significance remain in place for a 90-day period and to require that a careful review of potential costs to the United States health care system take place before any change in the list.
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Withdrawn:

(1) Shelby Amendment No. 35, to ensure that foreign corporations are not provided with access to information derived from research funded in part with Federal funds prior to such information being publicly made available to domestic corporations.
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(2) Kennedy Amendment No. 36 (to Amendment No. 35), in the nature of a substitute. (The amendment was removed from consideration when Amendment No. 35, listed above, was withdrawn.)
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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the withdrawal of the pending amendments on Thursday, February 18, and that Senators Kennedy and Nickles be recognized on Thursday, February 18, to each offer an amendment on the subject of immigration policy and

Joint Meetings**CONGRESSIONAL REFORM**

Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress: Committee resumed hearings to examine certain recommendations to reorganize congressional procedure, receiving testimony from former Senators Baker and Ribicoff; and Thomas E. Mann, Brookings Institution, Norman J. Ornstein, American Enterprise Institute, and David Mason, Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, DC.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, February 23.